The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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Ex parte MICHAEL LANQUETIN, JACQUES PARIS, and JEAN-LOUIS THOMAS MAILED

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ON BRIEF

Before FLEMING, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, HARKCOM, <u>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, and MILLS, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

Per curiam.

On June 13, 2003, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On July 23, 2006, appellants filed a communication withdrawing the appeal "in favor of the RCE application filed herewith."

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed June 13, 2003 is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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